



Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Bright Lights, Shining Stars Gala Supporting Student Scholarships & Recognizing Community Leaders



Paul M. Steingard, D.O., Kathleen H. Goeppinger, Ph.D., President & Chief Executive Officer, Midwestern University, and Vice Mayor Steve Frate.



Dr. Goeppinger, Enid Blue Spear and Vice Mayor Frate.

Vice Mayor Frate congratulates award honorees Paul M. Steingard, DO and Enid Blue Spear at Midwestern University's 2010 Bright Lights, Shining Stars Gala on October 16. Dr. Steingard received the Comet Award given each year for "Community Outreach: Motivating Excellence for Tomorrow." Enid Spear was honored with the Shooting Star Award given for "Outstanding Contributions to our Community." Photos courtesy of Glendale Daily Planet.

Bus Route Changes Go Into Effect Monday. Due to state transit funding cuts, bus service adjustments will go into effect on Monday, Oct. 25, 2010 that will impact two Valley Metro bus routes in Glendale.

Valley Metro Route 186 – Union Hills Road will be reduced to hourly service in Glendale. This change will not impact weekday Route 186 bus service in Phoenix, which will still operate every 30 minutes. All trips that do not continue into Glendale from Phoenix will stop at 51st Avenue. Weekend and holiday service will remain the same as posted in the Transit Book.

In addition, Valley Metro Route 138 – Thunderbird Road will discontinue all bus service from 59th Avenue to 67th Avenue. This change impacts all weekday, weekend and holiday bus service.

Despite these two changes to the city's fixed route service, Glendale's other transit services remain fully funded. Dial-a-Ride, Gus Bus and the Taxi Subsidy Program are fully operational for residents.

For more information about the Route 138 or Route 186 service changes, or any Valley Metro transit service, visit www.valleymetro.org or call 602-253-5000.

Glendale Gains Funding, Certification to Help Residents 'Go Green.'

Glendale residents have a variety of resources available to help them "go green," thanks to federally funded education classes and the specialized training of a key Glendale manager who recently earned a rare certification.

Jo Miller, manager of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living programs, is the first municipal employee in Arizona certified as a Sonoran Sustainable Building Advisor. Nationwide only 700 people have passed the nine-month training, hands-on work and three-hour exam to earn professional certification in this emerging field.

To learn more about going green in Glendale and the class offerings for adults and programs for school children, [click here](#) or call 623-930-3596.



Upcoming Green Living Classes. The following classes will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Auditorium at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

- How to Reduce Your Energy Use (Noon to 1:15 p.m.) – Find out what areas in your home can help you save money and the resources and rebates that are available.
- Solar 101 (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.) – Learn about home energy generation from the sun.
- Programmable Thermostats (2:15 to 2:45 p.m.) – Learn how to install and program a thermostat to maximize the heating and cooling efficiency in your home. Glendale residents who complete this class will receive a free programmable thermostat for their home.

All classes are free, but advanced registration is required. To sign up for classes, call 623-930-3760.

“Turning Kids Onto Energy” Free Workshop for Elementary School Teachers. How much energy does a cell phone charger use when it is not charging the phone? How much energy does a computer consume when it is not being used? Teachers will discover the answer to these two questions and many others as they participate in a free hands-on science workshop. The Turning Kids onto Energy Workshop will be co-sponsored by the city of Glendale and Salt River Project from 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, Nov. 6 in Glendale. To register for the Turning Kids onto Energy Education workshop, please call 623-930-3553 or email nschwab@glendaleaz.com. Registration deadline is Oct. 29. [Read more.](#)

Glendale Receives Top 10 Ranking. Glendale has come in at number ten nationally on Forbes “America’s Safest Cities” list. The city was ranked as the 10th safest city of the larger metropolitan cities within the United States. Forbes based their ranking on an analysis of violent crimes and fatal traffic accidents within the larger cities throughout America.

For further information America’s Safest Cities, [click here.](#)

Construction Information.

- **Loop 101 at Union Hills.** There will be a series of full Loop 101 closures for work on the Union Hills Drive bridge beginning Saturday (Oct. 30). The closures will be from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly, with southbound being closed Oct. 30, Nov. 1 and Nov. 2; and northbound Loop 101 closed Nov. 3, Nov. 4 and Nov. 5. [Click here](#) for this week’s Loop 101 Update.
- **Loop 101 Southbound** will be narrowed to two lanes between Grand and Northern avenues for paving from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23. Freeway ramps will be closed at times.
- **Loop 101 Eastbound** will be narrowed to two lanes between 51st and 35th avenues for paving from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 and Sunday, Oct. 24.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Live at the Library. On Thursday, Oct. 28, Ensemble Indigo, a six-piece ensemble of wind, string and keyboard instruments will offer chamber music from baroque to contemporary. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

General Election November 2. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Business Forum Presents “UpEnded Marketing in a Zany Market.” Business networking through The Business Forum at Glendale Library is a fun and productive way of establishing beneficial relationships with potential clients and area business people. Join us Wednesday, Nov. 3. The group will meet in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The event is free and is held from 5:30–7:15 p.m. Attendees have the opportunity to meet new contacts, exchange business cards and share their stories. Call 602-725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.

VIN Etching Event. Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to Arrowhead Towne Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle’s 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of window glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

Recycle Your Electronics on Saturday, Nov. 13. Now it’s easy to recycle out-of-date electronics – from phones to TVs – at the second annual e-waste event from 8 to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 on the campus of Glendale Community College (GCC).

The event is being held in partnership with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Westech Recyclers and GCC. At last year’s event, 29,000 pounds of potential electronic waste was collected for recycle.

For more information on this event, call 623-930-2660, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

Veteran’s Day Holiday. Glendale city offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day. [Click here](#) for the Sanitation Department’s holiday collection schedule.

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